

TOWN OF NEWSTEAD - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES of October 14, 2003

Present: Corky Keppler
Dave Wakeman
Ike Cummings
Scott Chaffee
Bill Kaufman
Christine Falkowski, Recording Secretary

Corky called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Area Variance – AT&T Cell Tower on Rapids Road

Maureen Elwell, Attorney and George Drysdale, RF Engineer, were present. Mr. Drysdale stated that Form 7460-1 was filed with the FAA. It takes about four – six weeks to receive a determination, which he feels will be negative (for lighting). The tower will be lit with a red light for Mercy Flight. The style of the tower is planned to be monopole, but Dave prefers a lattice tower. AT&T will make it whatever style the Town wants. There will be no building, just a concrete pad with self-contained cabinets. The Fire Company should coordinate with AT&T's contractor for the repeater station (which should be weatherproof). AT&T has no problem with Knox locks the Fire Company requested be installed on the gate. Dave motioned that the ZBA approve a 24' variance for a 199' cell tower to be placed on Rapids Road, seconded by Bill and all approved.

Akron Animal Hospital – Main Road

Jim Styn and Dr. Sandra Corrie-Styn had a preliminary discussion with the Board regarding a sign permit. Town Code section 72-8D states that in a non-residential district, the bottom of the sign cannot be less than 3' high, and there must be open space between the bottom of the sign and the ground. Their replacement sign design calls for a solid base of 2'6" and is similar to the signs at Trinity Lutheran Church and Calvary Baptist (R-A zones). The Board advised them to get their neighbors' approval in writing for the style and placement of the sign. Their request for an area variance was received and paid for, and there will be a public hearing at the next meeting.

The Planning Board sent a memo to the Zoning Board giving no recommendation for a variance on Tom Haberneck's 29-acre flaglot (60' frontage) on Barnum Road. Corky stated he would have liked the Planning Board to list their concerns.

Ike motioned to approve the minutes of September 16, 2003, seconded by Bill and all approved.

The bi-monthly zoning report was reviewed.

The next Zoning Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2003.

Scott motioned to close the meeting at 8:25 PM, seconded by Ike and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine B. Falkowski,
Recording Secretary